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Interim Report to NIRB Members

1. Since there has been some interval between the last NIRB Meeting on 27 March and the next one scheduled for 18 May, an interim report on studies, projects and other activities of interest to the Board seems advisable to keep members up to date. Here-with the first such report. Your comments will be welcomed.

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3. Study on the Exploitation of Unclassified Foreign Materials. Following up on the Board's action on 27 March on Open-Source Literature (Item 6 of the Minutes), General Thomas has had a number of briefings and discussions with people involved in this effort in FBIS, DIA and the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress (formerly the Defense Research Division). The primary activity to date has been to survey existing programs for acquisition, translation and abstracting of unclassified materials within the intelligence community.

4. NSSM 51 - Thailand: Following coordination by NIRB members on General Cushman's memorandum to the DCI, the CCPC Supplement, General Cushman's memo and a note from the DCI were delivered to Mr. Sansom of the NSC Staff on 10 April. Arrangements are being made to follow up on questions raised by Mr. Sansom [Redacted]

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6. NSSM 77 - Program Budget for Vietnam: Although this item is listed for 28 May on the NSC Schedule, CCPC's work on this program budget has been delayed by uncertainties as to fineness of cost breakdowns, allocations of national vs local tactical intelligence costs and the extent to which activities targeted on Vietnam but outside Vietnam should be included. Since this is a budget paper rather than a program analysis, as was the case for Thailand, the nature of NIRB action is unclear. When NSC staffers determine the direction and purpose of the whole Vietnam study, points for NIRB consideration may emerge.



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9. CIRIS: An ad hoc working group of the CIRIS Committee has begun work on Mr. Froehlke's request for a plan for a computer terminal tying DASD/I offices and CIRIS Staff elements to the CIRIS computers at CIA. Investigations are being made to

determine suitable terminal equipment, communications lines, costs and alternative arrangements. Security aspects such as electronic emissions and the need for crypto equipment are also being looked into. Also under examination is the question of which computer hardware in CIA's Computer Services might be best able to provide an increased level of CIRIS support to both DASD/I and NIRB over the coming year. This will lead to estimations of software programming support required to move CIRIS from a hard-copy output system to one increasingly able to provide on-line real-time support to the CY-71 programming cycle.



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